

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**April 25, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Day, Director Doucet, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, Director Venerable, and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the agenda dated April 25, 2017 with the removal of Item 8c “Approval of the Foundations and Landmark waivers as presented.” Said item was also tabled to be considered at the next regular Board of Education meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

- a. The Board of Education recognized the 2016-2017 Brighton High School Wrestling Team for their third-place finish at the State Competition, and Coach Tom Wagner’s honor of being named the 5A Coach of the Year.
- b. The Board of Education recognized the following groups with the Reaching In Award for their participation in the Capital Facility Fee Foundation:
 - i. D.R. Horton: Debbie Landers was present to accept the award on their behalf.
 - ii. Richmond American Homes: no representative was available, so the award will be delivered by members of the Board of Education.
 - iii. Shea Homes: no representative was available, so the award will be delivered by members of the Board of Education.
 - iv. Lennar: Frank Walker was present to accept the award on their behalf.
 - v. Meritage Homes: Erik Sandstrom was present to accept the award on their behalf.
 - vi. Brookfield Residential: Bryan Reid was present to accept the award on their behalf.
- c. The Board of Education recognized the following staff members with the Reaching Out Award for “Rookie Adventurer”:

Classified:

Angie Brotherson – Bus Driver at the Transportation Department
Sallynn Duran – Family Outreach Case Manager at Intervention Services
Debra Hart –Office Paraprofessional at Turnberry Elementary

Certified:

Jessica Bush – Special Education Resource Teacher at South Elementary
Rachael Gandy – Special Education Mild/Moderate Teacher at North Elementary
Mariela Mata – Kindergarten Teacher at North Elementary
Stephanie Smithgall – Blind and Visually Impaired Teacher for the entire District
Natalie Stevens – 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Stuart Middle School
Michelle Stringfellow – Preschool Coach and ECSE Teacher for the entire District
Anita Wilke – PE/Health Teacher at Stuart Middle School

Other:

Officer Christian Delein – School Resource Officer at Prairie View Middle School

5. BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education was presented with the quarterly report from the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee. This was for informational purposes only. No Board of Education action was required. Acting Chairperson Chris Wahrle presented the report. Mr. Wahrle also explained that Amy Werpy, who represents the west-planning area, has resigned and that position is vacant.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve receipt of the April 25, 2017 Bond Oversight Committee report to the Board of Education. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District. Dr. Fiedler introduced Terry Elliott, new principal of Comprehensive High School Number 3, Brett Minne, and Dr. Rich Patterson, who have accepted positions in the academic achievement department, and Leo Wolfson, a new reporter for The Brighton Blade. Dr. Fiedler recommended the Orange Boundary Option for Comprehensive High School Number 3, and the Green Option for Middle School Number 5. Both schools were officially named later in the meeting.

A brief reception occurred at 7:57 p.m. to honor the award winners.

The meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m. All previous Board of Education Directors that were present remained present.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	Address
Terry Kernan	2687 Comanche Creek Drive, Brighton, CO 80601

Mr. Kernan expressed concerns with policies at Southeast Elementary. Dr. Fiedler asked Chief Academic Officer Kelly Corbett to follow up with Mr. Kernan after the meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated March 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated April 19, 2017.

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: Director Venerable reported that during tonight's study session, the Board of Education directors reviewed the notes from the linkage meeting that occurred with the English Language Learner families. Director Venerable explained that there was great participation from the group, and thanked families that participated and gave positive feedback. She also stated that it was great to see parents and students attend the meeting. Director Day explained that this was the third time that the directors had met with this group, and each meeting is very different with makeup of the participants and content that is discussed. Director Venerable explained that the linkage committee is researching ways to connect with the community by possibly going out and meeting at their locations. She will keep the Board of Education directors updated.
- b. Board Education: Director Piotraschke and Director Nickeson are working on ideas for the study session on May 23, 2017.
- c. Board Committees:
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Day explained that the group met and developed recommendations to the superintendent for Middle School Number 5 and Comprehensive High School Number 3. No meeting may occur in April.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: The group attempted to meet, but quorum was not attained. The group used unanimous consent and all directors agree they could meet and do business. The meeting may be moved to June or July.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Day explained that the group completed the evaluation for the executive director. Further discussion will occur for a recommendation of the management advisory council to discuss the pool needing to build reserves to cover potential claims.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Thimmig explained that the awards are done for the school year. The next awards will be in October, 2017. The committee is looking for a theme or topics for next year's awards. They are hoping for aspects that will encompass employees that may not be included in the previous topics or themes. The entire Board of Education loved the addition of photos and PowerPoint during the award presentations showing the winners at their jobs and doing amazing things with our students and staff.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: No meeting occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: Mr. Wahrle presented the report at tonight's meeting and announced the vacancy in the west area. Director Day is appointing

Gary Allen to fill that vacancy. Mr. Allen recently moved into area, and is committed to serve and looking forward to working with the committee. Director Day expressed that he will be a good addition to the committee. Director Thimmig explained that Saunders Construction is the general contractor at Comprehensive High School Number 3. Previously, the AutoCAD program was used to design projects, and now with new programs, plumbing and air duct systems can be completed offsite to the specs of the design. This prevents conflicts in designs and adds flexibility to virtually move products within the design. Their tolerance level is within a ¼ inch. This also saves multiple hours of design errors, time, and money. The Saunders employee that demonstrated the program to the committee was a Colorado State University graduate. Paul Francisco is working on a partnership with Saunders Construction to demonstrate the program for our high school students. Tom Delgado is working on the same partnership with our middle school students. Everyone is excited about the partnership because it is a win/win on both sides of construction staff and School District 27J staff. Director Thimmig also reported that a cabinet supplier for Reunion Elementary School went out of business, but the construction staff was able to get a replacement within one week. This is a learning experience that businesses fail in this high time of construction because they over extend themselves and take all the jobs that are offered to them, but are unable to fulfill their commitments. The School District has been able to replace and re-route materials to new suppliers.

- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Nickeson, as well as Director Day, Director Piotraschke, and Director Worth attended the 27J Job Fair. Director Nickeson explained it was an awesome day with an amazing turnout by potential new staff members that are interested in working for School District 27J. It was great seeing principals and senior staff there greeting the group. He was glad for the opportunity to participate, and several Board members participated in a question and answer panel. Director Piotraschke liked that the job fair included information and opportunities for potential classified new hires. Having face-to-face conversations was nice and a plus for the participants to meet and speak directly with Board members. Director Nickeson also noted that Kelly Corbett provided teachable moments to students that were greeting and selling donuts to the group. Having our students there and engaging with the group was wonderful. Director Thimmig explained that Bromley East Charter School was making their final selection of their executive director, and she attended the meet and greet that was held for their two-final candidates. This gave the community a chance to ask questions and get to know the candidates. It was also an opportunity for Director Thimmig to see the new construction addition to the building. She felt there were strong candidates. Director Thimmig also attended the Brighton High School's DECA Awards Ceremony at the Candlelight Theatre. The DECA group presented the Board of Education with a certificate of appreciation. This ceremony honors businesses that employ our students. Director Thimmig presented the linkage committee with the list of these employers for possible future linkage meetings. Director Thimmig also reported that the QSI 2.0 group met, and they were polled for input on the mill levy

recommendation. They reviewed the public polling results that were encouraging, showing that our public values having quality teachers, and paying them a fair salary. Technology was also valued, as well as acquiring more resources for teachers. The group did a lot of hard work and more to come should a mill levy question for \$12 million be recommended. Director Day added that he attended the job fair for the third time, and it is always an exciting day, with a lot of people attending. It is a great event for the District. He also attended Prairie View High School's Top 15 dinner with Director Piotraschke. He always enjoys the student's speeches, and seeing the teachers that the students choose that have made a difference in their lives. They are always great stories. Director Day stated that there is a busy schedule coming up, and explained that attending graduations is an expectation, but other events are just suggested if they are available. Director Worth stated that the job fair was fun and engaging with all the principals, staff, and applicants. He said he "had a blast"! He also had the honor of joining Director Doucet and Dr. Fiedler at the Mary Cianco Awards dinner. The Memorial Distinguished Service Award winner was Nancy Skeels. She is a member of the School District 27J community, and won the award for book donations and reading programs at North Elementary. It was a very nice event at the Stonebrook Manner in Thornton. Director Thimmig, Director Piotraschke, Director Venerable, and Director Worth attended the National School Board Conference. The Board members shared their highlights of the conference during tonight's study session. Director Piotraschke reported during the regular meeting, that a school board in Texas has a process for involving community and provides training to engage potential school board candidates. The Texas Board feels they get better candidates. If the candidate is not elected, or doesn't run for the position right away, they have taken leadership roles on various district committees. He attended another session that explained that it takes the power of one to light the fire, but it takes the power of many to keep it burning. He feels this may be useful material for future mill levy conversations.

- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None

10. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD

- a. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting. (ADDENDUM "A") None at this time.
- b. Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.E Asset Protection.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Venerable to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.E Asset Protection as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

11. POLICY WORK

- a. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. April 25, 2017 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| ii. May 23, 2017 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| iii. June 13, 2017 | None |
| iv. August 22, 2017 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| v. September 26, 2017 | 1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 Academic
Status of 27J
3.J Charter Schools |
| vi. October 24, 2017 | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal |
| vii. November 14, 2017 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| viii. December 12, 2017 | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct
Inspection |
| ix. January 23, 2018 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
3.D Financial Conditions and Activities |
| x. February 27, 2018 | 1.1 Graduation Rate
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| xi. March 13, 2018 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |

12. PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY 2017-2018 BUDGET

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information concerning the 2017-2018 preliminary budget. No action was needed by the Board of Education at this time. This was for informational purposes only.

13. APPROVAL OF NAME FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL NUMBER 5

Dr. Chris Fiedler presented information concerning the naming process for Middle School Number 5.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Day to approve the name of Moreland Middle School for Middle School Number 5 located in the Timberleaf Subdivision at 136th Avenue and Yosemite Street, Thornton, Colorado. Roll Call Vote: Director Day, Yes, Director Doucet, Yes, Director Nickeson, No, Director Piotraschke, No, Director Thimmig, No, Director Venerable, No, and Director Worth, No. Motion Failed.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve the name of Rodger Quist Middle School for Middle School Number 5 located in the Timberleaf Subdivision at 136th Avenue and Yosemite Street, Thornton, Colorado. Roll Call Vote: Director Day, No, Director Doucet, No, Director Nickeson, Yes, Director Piotraschke, Yes, Director Thimmig, Yes, Director Venerable, Yes, and Director Worth Yes. Motion Passed.

14. APPROVAL OF NAME FOR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL NUMBER 3

Dr. Chris Fiedler presented information concerning the naming process for Comprehensive High School Number 3.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Worth to approve the name of Riverdale Ridge High School for Comprehensive High School Number 3 located at 13380 Yosemite Street, Thornton, Colorado. Roll Call Vote: Director Day, No, Director Doucet, Yes, Director Nickeson, Yes, Director Piotraschke, Yes, Director Thimmig, Yes, Director Venerable, Yes, and Director Worth, Yes. Motion Passed.

15. APPROVAL OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented information regarding the approval of an Oil and Gas Lease.

Motion by Director Venerable, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the Oil and Gas Lease by and between School District 27J and Petro Operating Company L.L.C. and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to execute any and all required documents. Roll Call Vote: Director Day, Yes, Director Doucet, No, Director Nickeson, Yes, Director Piotraschke, Yes, Director Thimmig, Yes, Director Venerable, Yes, and Director Worth, Yes. Motion Passed.

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| May 9, 2017 | Linkage Meeting or Planning Session
Time and Location are To Be Determined
Dr. Fiedler mentioned that site tours at Reunion Elementary and/or Riverdale Ridge High School. |
| May 23, 2017 | 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Lois Lesser Board Room
Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160 th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| May 30, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. 5 th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members
Time and Location are To Be Determined |
| June 6, 2017 | 6:00 Regular Board Meeting (Revised during the meeting)
Lois Lesser Board Room
18551 E. 160 th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601
**Note: Only Board of Education Meeting of the Month |

17. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Piotraschke presented the meeting evaluation.

18. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

19. ADJOURNMENT: 9:51 p.m.